



MEDIA ADVISORY

13-Part Documentary Series *Ice Pilots NWT* in Production

VANCOUVER, BC (June 24, 2009) Production is well underway on a new 13 x 1 hr documentary series to air on History Television in Fall 2009. *Ice Pilots NWT* follows the adventures of pilots and would-be pilots at Yellowknife-based Buffalo Airways, an extraordinary little northern airline with the most unusual fleet in the world. Buffalo still flies big, piston-powered propeller planes that were first flown in World War II, classics such as the DC-3, the DC-4 and the Curtis Commando C-46. The series tells the stories of rookie pilots who come to Buffalo to earn their wings flying these vintage war birds through some of the harshest conditions on the planet.

Shooting commenced in Yellowknife in November 2008 and will wrap in August 2009. Specially-mounted cameras will allow viewers to ride along with rookie pilots as they fly old warbirds through blinding winter blizzards and smoke-filled summer skies in fire-fighting season.

“*Ice Pilots NWT* is an exciting addition to the popular new genre of observational/vérité documentary series that includes *Ice Road Truckers*, *Deadliest Catch* and *Ax Men*,” says Canwest’s VP of Factual Content, Michael Kot. “We want to make this a really big series.”

Ice Pilots NWT is produced by Omni Film Productions Ltd. in association with Canwest and with the participation of the Canadian Television Fund, the Rogers Cable Network Fund, the Province of British Columbia Film Incentive BC and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit Program. The series is created and produced by David Gullason, and executive produced by Gabriela Schonbach, David Gullason and Michael Chechik.

About Omni Film Productions Ltd.

Vancouver-based Omni Film Productions Ltd. is one of Canada's most respected television production companies, producing top-quality programming in a wide variety of genres. Since 1979, Omni has produced hundreds of hours of television dramas, documentaries, factual and lifestyle series and children's programming, garnering over 100 national and international awards. (www.omnifilm.com)

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